GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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INTEGRATED FLOOD MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to constitute an Intergrated Flood Management Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for effective implementation of the recommendation of the commission to control floods?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) The Working Group on Flood Control Programme for the X Plan (2002-07) in its report submitted to the Planning Commission had recommended that "It would be desirable to consider setting up an Integrated Flood Management Commission to go into all the details and make review of the flood management programme in the country".

However in 1976 the Government of India had set up Rashtriya Barh Ayog (RBA) which had examined the problem of floods in the country in detail and submitted its report in 1980. The recommendations of RBA which formed the framework for flood management strategy in the country had been forwarded to all the State Governments for implementation. The Ministry of Water Resources has already constituted an Experts' Committee to go into the present status of implementation of the recommendations of Rashtriya Barh Ayog, ascertain the bottlenecks faced by the State Governments in its implementation and suggest suitable measures. In view of this, there is no proposal at present to set up another Commission.